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11. (SBU) On September 9, Poloff spoke about the International Court of Justice (ICJ) hearings on Kosovo with James Hennessy and Marianne Bolger of the Western Europe and Western Balkans Section of the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA). Deputy Director Hennessy said that Ireland remains a stalwart supporter of Kosovo and its independence, and that it stands by Ireland's brief to the ICJ to that effect on April 17. He said Ireland had not participated in the second round of briefs on July 17 because it did not have anything to add.

12. (C) Hennessy said Ireland had not yet decided whether to participate in the December oral hearings before the ICJ, but was leaning strongly against doing so for several reasons: (1) Ireland had said what it had to say on April 17, nothing had changed; and (2) preparing arguments for December would be a &major undertaking8 for which neither the Western Balkans Section nor the DFA Legal Department had much time. Poloff replied that the December presentation need not be long and could be based on the brief already presented on April 17; the idea was for as many supporters of Kosovo

independence as possible to underline their position. Poloff added that the U.S. legal team could coordinate with Ireland if they so desired. Hennessy and Bolger said they would take our points into consideration in upcoming DFA deliberations on whether to present an oral statement in December.

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